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### **CITY OF ROCKFORD AWARDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO SWIM-N-MORE ORGANIZATION TOTALING \$19,000**

Rockford, IL – September 25, 2012 – Monday evening’s Council proceedings saw the approval of \$19,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the Swim-N-More organization.

Located at 220 S. Madison Street inside the Millennium Center, Swim-N-More is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide quality swimming instruction for youth of Rockford while stressing the principles of water safety.

The CDBG funding allocation will enable Swim-N-More to facilitate “The Operation All Swim” program which will provide swimming lessons including stroke techniques and water safety to 230 low income Rockford youth ages 6 through 12. The program will also offer an opportunity for parent involvement to further solidify water safety principles.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federal program that provides funding to Rockford as a result of being an entitlement community that submitted an approved Annual Plan. CDBG funds have multiple potential uses, but must either benefit low-income persons, eliminate slums or blight or address an urgent need.

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